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Taylor-Kale Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Laura Taylor-Kale, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Pages S736–37**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Ravi Chaudhary, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. **Pages S736–37**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 50), Daniel I. Werfel, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the term expiring November 12, 2027. **Pages S733–34**

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 51), James Edward Simmons, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Page S734**

By 51 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 52), Maria Araujo Kahn, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. **Pages S734–35**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—52) **Pages S734–35**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 10, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S751.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine United States Strategic Command and United States Space Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Anthony J. Cotton, USAF, Commander, United States Strategic Command, and General James H. Dickinson, USA, Commander, United States Space Command, both of the Department of Defense.

NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nuclear fuel cycle, after receiving testimony from Kathryn Huff, Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, and John C. Wagner, Laboratory Director, Idaho National Laboratory, both of the Department of Energy; and Joseph Dominguez, Constellation Energy, Baltimore, Maryland.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN TRAIN DERAILMENT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting public health and the environment in the wake of the Norfolk Southern train derailment and chemical release in East Palestine, Ohio, after receiving testimony from Senators Brown, Vance, and Casey; Debra Shore, Regional Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Anne Vogel, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Director, Columbus; Alan Shaw, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Atlanta, Georgia; Richard B. Harrison, Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission, Cincinnati; and Eric J. Brewer, Beaver County, Beaver, Pennsylvania.

USAID LOCALIZATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on State Department and USAID Management, International Operations, and Bilateral International Development concluded a hearing to examine USAID localization, focusing on challenges, opportunities, and next steps to further development initiatives on the local level, after receiving testimony from Michele Sumilas, Assistant to the Administrator for the Bureau for Policy, Planning, and Learning, U.S. Agency for International Development; William R. Steiger, George W. Bush Institute, and Elana Aquino, Peace Direct, both of Washington, D.C.; and Bill O'Keefe, Catholic Relief Services, Baltimore, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Matthew P. Brookman, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, and Damien M. Diggs, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, Stephen K. Eberle, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Justin L. Martinez, to be United States Marshal for the District of Utah, and Roy W. Minter, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Georgia, all of the Department of Justice.

UPLIFTING FAMILIES, WORKERS, AND OLDER ADULTS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine uplifting families, workers, and older adults, focusing on supporting communities of care, after receiving testimony from Kezia Scales, Paraprofessional Health Institute, Durham, North Carolina; Hannah Maxey, Indiana University School of Medicine Bowen Center for Health Workforce Research and Policy, Fishers; Pam Lowy, Great Bay Services, Dover, New Hampshire; and Jacinta Burgess, SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania, Harrisburg.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 49 public bills, H.R. 1478–1526; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 42; H. Con. Res. 22–23; and H. Res. 214–218 were introduced. **Pages H1246–49**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1251–52**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller (IL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1211**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H1217**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:45 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H1230**

Protecting Speech from Government Interference Act: The House passed H.R. 140, to amend title 5, United States Code, to prohibit Federal employees from advocating for censorship of viewpoints in their official capacity, by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 141. Consideration began yesterday, March 8th. **Pages H1219–21, H1230–32**

Rejected the Landsman motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, by a yea-and-nay vote of 204 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 140. **Page H1231**

Pursuant to the Rule, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–1, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Accountability now printed in the bill.

Agreed to:

Rose amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that requires mandatory annual training on the requirements of the underlying bill; and

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Rose amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that adds a findings section that states that inspectors general should not less than annually for the next seven years publicly report the number of complaints and tips received, the number of investigations opened, and statistics on how investigations were managed and their disposition by that inspector general related to compliance with the underlying bill and the amendments made by the underlying bill. **Page H1220**

H. Res. 199, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 140), the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 27) and the bill (S. 619) was agreed to yesterday, March 8th. Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Revised Definition of ‘Waters of the United States’”: The House passed H.J. Res. 27, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Revised Definition of ‘Waters of the United States’”, by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 142.

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